

Amendment No. 1 to HB3554

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 3508

House Bill No. 3554*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-409, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) to the contrary, in any county having a population of not less than fifty-one thousand nine hundred (51,900) nor more than fifty-two thousand (52,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

(1) The executive director or any officer or employee of the agency may be accompanied on such inspections of animals, facilities and records relating to such animals by the county executive or the county executive's designee; and

(2) Local emergency management agencies created pursuant to title 58, chapter 2, part 1 shall notify the owner of a facility where Class I wildlife is kept of impending weather emergencies, of which such agencies receive notice in the course of executing their ordinary duties. Upon receipt of such notice, the owner of a facility where Class I wildlife are kept shall have a reasonable time to properly secure all Class I wildlife in the facility to lessen the likelihood of escape.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-405(g)(4), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (4)(A) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (4)(B):

(4)(B) Any owner of a facility located in a county having a population of not less than fifty-one thousand nine hundred (51,900) nor more than fifty-two thousand (52,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census where Class I wildlife are kept who receives notice of an impending weather emergency from the county emergency management agency pursuant to § 70-4-409 shall place, or cause to be placed, all Class I wildlife in their den, nest box or other connected housing unit and shall close off and lock such housing unit until the weather emergency or immediate threat of such emergency has ended.

SECTION 3. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.